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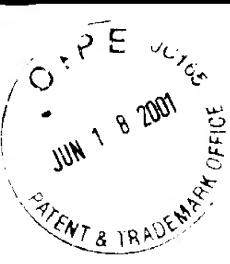
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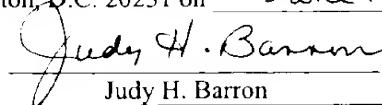
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Please replace the second complete paragraph at page 7, lines 16-22, with the following replacement paragraph:

To test the hypothesis that *vtc1-1* and *vtc1-2* harbor mutations in the GDP-mannose pyrophosphorylase gene, the potential for mutations in the pyrophosphorylase genomic sequence derived from each of these mutant alleles was examined. The sequences of both *vtc1-1* and *vtc1-2* contain the identical single cytosine to thymine point mutation at position +64 relative to the first base of the presumed initiator methionine (Figure 3D). This predicted missense mutation would convert a highly conserved proline to a serine at amino acid 22 in the GDP-mannose pyrophosphorylase amino acid sequence.

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